

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT—ELECTIONS—ASSESSOR— COLLECTOR—COUNTIES LESS THAN 10,000

H. J. R. No. 8

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas by adding Section 16a to Article VIII to provide that in counties of less than ten thousand (10,000) inhabitants, as determined by the last preceding census of the United States, elections may be held to provide for an Assessor-Collector of Taxes; providing for submission of this Amendment to the voters of Texas; and providing the time, means and manner thereof.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Section 16a shall be added to Article VIII of the Constitution of Texas so as to read as follows:

"Section 16a. In any county having a population of less than ten thousand (10,000) inhabitants, as determined by the last preceding census of the United States, the Commissioners Court may submit to the qualified property taxpaying voters of such county at an election the question of adding an Assessor-Collector of Taxes to the list of authorized county officials. If a majority of such voters voting in such election shall approve of adding an Assessor-Collector of Taxes to such list, then such official shall be elected at the next General Election for such Constitutional term of office as is provided for other Tax Assessor-Collectors in this State."

Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of the State at the General Election to be held throughout the State on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1954, at which election all ballots shall have written or printed thereon the following:

"FOR the Constitutional Amendment permitting elections in counties of less than ten thousand (10,000) inhabitants to provide for an Assessor-Collector of Taxes," and

"AGAINST the Constitutional Amendment permitting elections in counties of less than ten thousand (10,000) inhabitants to provide for an Assessor-Collector of Taxes."

If it appears from the returns of said election that a majority of the votes cast are in favor of said Amendment, the same shall become a part of the State Constitution.

Sec. 3. The Governor shall issue the necessary proclamation for said election and have the same published as required by the Constitution and laws of this State.

Adopted by the House, May 19, 1953: Yeas 104, Nays 12; House concurred in Senate amendments, May 26, 1953: Yeas 105, Nays 10; passed the Senate, as amended, May 22, 1953: Yeas 27, Nays 1.

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